

sons in my hometown of Evanston, Illinois, who wrote me this past April to share her family's struggle and urge my support for federally-funded stem cell research.

She said, "Diabetes haunts my family every waking hour. Injections, blood testing, calculating food portions are constant companions of my sons. Overnight, I fear insulin reactions that will leave them unconscious. Long-term we face the concerns of kidney failure, blindness, and amputations."

Most scientists are in agreement that embryonic cell research offers the greatest hope for families like the Laughlins. Federal funding guidelines assure that research will meet ethical standards and allow advancements to be made as quickly as possible in diseases like Parkinson's and Alzheimer's, cancer, heart disease, spinal cord injury.

The Laughlins and millions of other families are counting on us.

ETHICAL STEM CELL RESEARCH USES ADULT STEM CELLS

(Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of ethical stem cell research that uses adult stem cells instead of embryonic stem cells. Life begins at conception, and the use of embryos for research destroys young life.

I support the use of adult stem cells, not just because no young lives are lost, but also because research using adult stem cells has already produced exciting results. Large Scale Biology Corporation, a biotechnology company in the Second District of Kentucky, has produced a growth factor using tobacco-based plant proteins that causes adult stem cells to behave like embryonic stem cells.

Using their patented method, Large Scale Biology Corporation has successfully produced breast cancer and leukemia vaccines in conjunction with a joint Navy-NIH research team.

We all want to see diseases like cancer and Alzheimer's cured, so let us support a proven alternative that we can all agree on and is not controversial. I urge my colleagues and President Bush to support funding for adult stem cell research and oppose life-destroying embryonic stem cell research.

WE MUST ALLOW FEDERAL FUNDING FOR LIFE-SAVING EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH

(Mr. McDERMOTT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, throughout time people have resisted

scientific advancement. History is replete with the examples of fundamentalist religious leaders issuing scientific decisions based on absolutely no evidence.

It is *deja vu* all over again today with this current administration as they inject politics into the single most promising medical research of the century. The Bush administration is unfortunately not committed to research that would hasten medical discoveries, but rather, to hold science hostage to the Catholic vote.

Carl Rove, the President's chief political adviser, is concerned about the views of the Catholic Church because the Catholic voters are seen as a swing vote in the elections. This administration has degraded medical research and the tremendous potential of embryonic stem cell research into an anti-abortion vote.

The White House is currently reviewing the matter. In other words, they are looking at the polls. "A responsible leader," and this is a quote, "is someone who makes decisions based upon principles, not based upon polls or focus groups." The New York Times reminds us that President Bush said those words a few days before Election Day. Perhaps he needs to be reminded.

Without a microscope, one cannot even see what this debate is all about. The center of the controversy is a microscopic cluster of cells stored in test tubes like this one. It is smaller than the period at the end of a sentence.

When ORRIN HATCH says he can tell the difference between cells in the test tube and those in a woman's body, then we know that this is a nonsense argument. We should continue this research.

GUTKNECHT AMENDMENT ALLOWS ACCESS TO REASONABLY-PRICED DRUGS FOR SENIORS

(Mr. GUTKNECHT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, later today we are going to have a very heated debate about a simple amendment that I am going to offer to make it clear what the Congress intended last year in terms of prescription drugs and allowing seniors and other Americans access to drugs from other places.

Much of the debate is going to revolve around this chart and the issue of safety. I just want to talk about a couple of these items here. For Glucophage, a commonly-prescribed drug for diabetes, in the United States the average price is \$30.12 for a 30-day supply. That same drug made in the same plant sells in Europe for \$4.11.

Mr. Speaker, a lot of people are going to say, what about safety? What about safety? Well, there is not a single piece of evidence, not one piece of evidence,

that anyone has been injured by bringing legal drugs back into the United States where they have a prescription. That is a fact.

It is also a fact that 4.4 percent of the fruit and produce that comes into this country every day is tainted with serious pathogens.

Mr. Speaker, we are going to have a chance to vote on this amendment. We are going to have to decide whether we are going to defend and explain this chart, and say that Americans should not have the access to legal drugs from legal countries around the world.

URGING THE PRESIDENT TO ALLOW STEM CELL RESEARCH TO PROCEED

(Mrs. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I urge the President to allow stem cell research to proceed.

Along with the gentlewoman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA) and many others in this Congress, we have introduced House Resolution 17 that calls on Federal funding of human pluripotent stem cell research to continue.

As the recent statements by a number of prominent Republicans, such as Andy Card and Tommy Thompson, have said, they have come out in support of stem cell research. They underscore that this should not be a partisan issue. After a lengthy public comment period on August 25, the NIH published guidelines on human pluripotent stem cell research. Additionally, they accepted applications for research projects through March, 2001.

However, President Bush has put a hold on this work, calling for a review of the guidelines. I say to the President that it is estimated that over 100 million Americans are living with diseases like Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, diabetes. These people could be helped by stem cell research. We need to support science. We need to support medical knowledge. We need to support stem cell research.

EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH DESTROYS LIFE

(Mr. DELAY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of stem cell research, research that is ethical and which has been proven effective. The stem cell research I am referring to is derived from adults, umbilical cord blood, and placental blood, to name just a few sources. I, however, am not talking about stem cell research extracted from human embryos.

We can and are saving lives with stem cells gathered from adults even